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A LETTER WRITTEN BY ROSCOE PULASKI COPELAND TO HIS CHILDREN, CORNELIA AND ROYAL S. COPELAND
(Part Three)

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On March 6th 1863 I was married to Francis J. Holmes. Mother wanted to live by herself so I built her a small cottage & she seemed to enjoy it, as she liked to be her own boss.

Everything went along alright. I found after working the farm two or three years that I could not afford to hire a man, so I used to hire a boy & then had to do all the hardest work myself. I began to feel that I would like a larger farm where I could afford to hire better help. In the fall of 1864 I sold the farm & was to give possession in the spring. Your Mothers Uncle Thom. Holmes was living in Iowa. He was running a lumber yard in one of the towns. Ever since I was in the west I wanted a prairie farm where you would not have to pick stones & dig out stumps & grub. So I went out there to see what I could do. Uncle Thomas took me all around the country & found it very fine. I found a half section I could buy for six dollars an acre. Then I found a farm close by that was for rent but the owner was not at home. I left it to Uncle to see him when he came home & let me know what his terms were. If I went west I wanted a place to live until I could get some buildings up on the new land. Two or three weeks after getting home I received a letter from Uncle stating I could rent the farm. He wanted one half of the rent in advance & would give me a certain time to pay him as other parties wanted to rent it. I sent a check but it got there one day too late. We did not want to move there without knowing that we had a place to live when we got there. So we were at a stand still.

Things did not turn out as we expected. For example – a company Mr. Chas Clements & two men at Chelsea were buying a car load or two of sheep to take to Iowa to let out to farmers. They were to receive one half of the wool & one half the increase. Wool at that time was one dollar a pound. I sold them one hundred sheep & Mr. Holmes sold them two hundred. They were going to take them to the next team beyond where Thomas Holmes lived. When I told them I was going out there they wanted me to go with them & help get them started. I would have a pass there & back so I concluded to do so. Loaded the sheep at Dexter, unloaded at Chicago, fed them one day & reloaded for Iowa. I helped them to unload & get started & went to see Mr. Holmes. They let the sheep out in small lots to the farmers. I was informed by one of the men in Chelsea that was head of the Co. how they came out the past year. He said not much wool & dam little increase & the price of wool went right down. So this great expectation proved to be a great disappointment.

While we were thinking what we would do, Smith Wygant came one day & offered to sell their farm. He & his father owned it together. His price was thirty five dollars per acre – they had 120 acres. The house was arranged for two families. 60 acres improved land & 20 acres cleared ready to break up. Under the circumstances we concluded the best thing we could do was to buy the farm as we had to give possession of the old farm. I felt if we did not want to live there long we could sell any time at the price we were to pay. So instead of going to the long west we went one mile short west. It was kind of sad to leave the old farm where I had lived from 1850 to 1865 what might be called my second boyhood days.

In these days there is quite a change in our thoughts and wants. We had our little home dancing. Fathers & my old cow hide boots were a little too heavy. I told father I wanted some calf skin boots. All right. There is a big hickory tree up near the north road in the weeds you can put into cordwood & draw to Dexter to sell & buy you a pair of fine boots. I went at it & got enough money out of it to have a pair of boots

made to order by an old shoemaker by name of Lathrop. When we wore the cow hide boots we had no rubber & getting them wet was a mighty hard job to get them off & on. There has been some change since these old times.

When we got settled on the Wygant farm we needed a little more room so we built two small kitchens on the back part of the house. That made it much better. There was a small barn with an underground stable for cattle & the upper for horses.

The Wygants had one hundred sheep that they had taken of Mr. Clements. They were paying three pounds of wool per head & were to return the same number of sheep. I took the sheep, kept them one year, raised ninety lambs & returned the sheep to the owner. The next year I bought some cattle from the Dexter farm. So at the end of five years on the farm had a fine lot of sheep & cattle.

The next year had to have a yoke of oxen to make a team with the horses to break up the 20 acres of new land. A man had advertised a yoke of oxen at an auction for sale. So I went to one in October. When the oxen were put up there were two men commenced to bid at last & were bidding fifty cents. They had got up to seventy dollars & the auctioneer says is there no more bids – One – Two - & before he could say three I bid seventy five dollars & he says three. Sold. I kept the oxen two years & broke up the 20 acres. Then I put them in the stable & fed them pumpkins & corn, got them in fine shape & sold them for one hundred & fifty dollars. They were young and thinned down when I bought them & about doubled in weight when I sold them to the butchers.

One year I sold barley for four & one half dollars per hundred, & wheat at three dollars & a half per Bu. I was hiring the best farm hands for twenty five dollars per month – that was Greenback prices. When we came to goldbacks all kinds of produce went down in price but labor advanced.

Cornelia was born on the old farm the 18th of Jan 1864. She was a little over one year old when we moved. Mother got discontented & wanted a home where she could have flowers outdoors & winter sun room. She was a great lover of flowers. So I bought her the place at the four corners across from the Lucas farm & there she had flowers galore & seemed to be very very contented. I think it was in the spring of 1868 that she moved.

A baby boy was born & died at birth. Royal was born 7th of Nov 1868. In 1867 I bought 40 acres of land on the west side of the farm. It was all cleared & I had a small barn. Nothing extra for family but made good pasture. Had some marsh & good water. Price $700.00.

Farming began to get pretty hard work indoors & out. We concluded to rent farm & move to the village. My Uncle Chauncy from Stoney Creek made us a visit about that time. I told him that I thought of renting the farm & he thought his son Chauncy would like to rent it. Chauncy arrived in a short time & the farm was rented to him. I had not seen Chauncy since before I left him in the rockies. Chauncy was married before he went west & we all liked his wife. I left everything on the farm. All he furnished was a span of horses. He was to have one half of the proceeds. He moved onto the farm in the spring of 1870 & we moved to Dexter & rented the third house as you enter the village from Webster.

We had not been in Dexter but a short time before one morning I saw brother Franklin & Caroline going down the hill on their way to Mothers. When we saw them they said they saw a little boy sitting on top of a gate post in front of the house we were living in. Probably they were right for Ray commenced to climb when he was very young. Franklin came from Oshkosh Wis. where he had been employed by a lumber co & he seemed to think it was a pretty good business.

Alexander Soulier had a lumber yard by the Mich Central depot. I was well acquainted with Soulier & one day Franklin & I were talking with him about farming & lumber business. He wanted to know if I would not like to trade my farm for his lumber business, as your brother understands the business & could go into the business with you. He said I have got it into my

head that I would like to farm it. Soulier was quite a hand to shift from one business to another all of his life. Franklin left it to me to do what I thought best. We gave the business a thorough examination & found that Soulier was doing a good business & the outlook was good in every way.

Then took inventory of the property he wanted to trade for the farm & the price to put on the farm. My price for the 120 acres was seventy dollars per acre. He did not take the 40 acres in the deal & I traded the forty acres about one year after for a house & lot across the street from the Catholic church & I traded that property for the house & lot on our street the one your grandmother lived in after leaving her home over the river & she was very contented. The house was new – just been built. She had a coal stove & coal stoves had just begun to be used. I sold the first coal that was used in Dexter & the price was 4 ½ dollars per ton delivered.

In addition to lumber, kept all kinds of builders hardware, doors, bricks, lime, in fact every kind of building material. So when anyone wanted to build a house or barn we could furnish everything needed from the foundation up. We had a good business. They came from Howell, Pinkney, Stockbridge, Hamburg. As they had no railroads at that time & Dexter was their market for most everything they had to sell or buy.

Business was done at much lower profit than it is today. It had to be as the people at large could buy from the wholesaler at the same price as the merchant – very different from what it is today. There is more profit made today on 100 ft of lumber than we made on 300 ft. As long as we had that northern trade we had a big demand for everything but after these northern towns got their railroad it cut all kinds of business very much.

Sometimes it was hard to get such lumber as the builders wanted. When they built the Catholic church they wanted some 2 x 12 – 40 feet long. There were none of the dealers we were dealing with could furnish it so I started out to see if I could find the 40 ft. stuff. I went to Saganaw & then to Bay City, could not get it. Then I crossed over the state to Grand Rapids – none there. Then I started north. Stopped at Big Rapids – nothing there.

Then I went to Howard City, from there I was going to Greenville. While there I was talking to some men at the hotel about what I wanted. There was a young man from Coral about 4 miles from Howard City. He said there was a man just built a saw mill there & thought he would be glad to get the lumber out for me. So I went to Coral with him and saw the lumber man. I told him what I wanted & he said he would be mighty glad to get the stuff for me, but his carriage was not long enough in the mill for a 40 foot log. I told him it would take two flat cars to put the 40 ft lumber on as a single car was not long enough & I would make a bill for two big cars of lumber & maybe more in the future. All right I will lengthen the carriage. The man came from Indiana & had bought 160 acres of pine timber & was cutting & drawing to the mill as he sawed it.

In about two weeks we received the car of lumber all in good shape. We made out a bill of the lumber as we unloaded it so as to know just what he had sent. We waited for him to send his bill but none came. We wrote to him to send his bill & we received a letter that he had not made out a bill & wished we would make out a bill & send him the pay. So we did & received a letter thanking us & would like our trade in the future. We learned afterwards he could not make out bills. We bought quite a lot of lumber of him & he had a clerk so bills were made out after that all right. After a while we added to our business wagons, ploughs, reapers, mowers, hay leaders. We sold the first hay leader that was ever used in the section.

In 1873 your Uncle Alf & family came back to Mich. He was not worth any more than he was when he went west & he wanted a job. I wrote to the Coral lumber man if he would like to employ a good all round man & if he did I could send him one. He replied he would be glad to get one so Alpheus went & took the job & was with him about three years. Then the lumber man sold his mill & went to Wausau Wis. & Alpheus went with him. The man went to the lumber business there & Alpheus was with him several years.

While we were on the farm Danl & family came back to Mich & Danl was in the last stages of tuberculosis & he died, at our house. His wife & daughter went to her folks in Millington.

When I sold the farm Chauncy worked a farm in Webster several years & then moved up near Flint & bought a farm. Your Uncle Frank was in business with me about three years & then when the railroad north at Howell cut our northern trade & farm produce had gone down in price & the demand for all kinds of material had fallen off, so Franklin thought under the conditions of things he had better withdraw from the business.

The hard times caused the failure of the Penninsular Milling Co & the mill had been idle for some time. The leading men of the Grange had a meeting one day in the Village & invited me to attend. The meeting was to come to some conclusion about buying the mill. As they had been talking about it for some time and by a unanimous vote to buy the mill at a price not above ten thousand dollars & instructed me to do the buying. I saw Mr. John Costelle as he was the agent for the owners and he agreed to take the price & five hundred down to bind the bargain. So I gave him a check for that amount & notified the Grange that the mill had been bought at their price.

And out of the eight wealthy farm grangers all backed out but two. Never gave any reason only they did so and sometime after one more withdrew. So left Chas. Clements all alone of the Grange element. Mr. Clements thought it would be a good investment & wanted me to stay in with him. I had five hundred already invested so concluded to try it out. We hired a good miller & set the old mill agoing. The next thing was to find a market for our flour & I found it was most too much work for one man to run a flour mill & lumber yard. So I sold one half interest in the lumber business to William Warner who had been running a lumber yard in Chelsea.

I then had more time to look up an outlet for our flour. As a result I got stores in Jackson, Grass Lake, Chelsea, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti & Detroit to handle our flour & we had good sales in all the towns. The Penninsular Mills had for a good many years a merchant in Wurster [*Worcester*] Mass who had bought the flour & we also had a good trade with the same party. The flour we sold in Mass was shipped in barrels, but most of the flour in Michigan was put up in 25 to 50 lb sacks. We got the old mill doing a good business. Mr. Clements was well pleased. He used to come about once a week from the farm & take dinner with us & talk over the business.

In about one year we sold to a millright from Chelsea one third interest in the mill & he was a first class miller so everything was in fine shape & was making money. And then came the climax. The farmers had commenced raising a new white wheat call the Clawsing. A good yielder & fine looking but when we came to mill it proved to be a very poor bread flour. After the bread makers had one try at it they did not want any more & all that good trade we had worked up was blotted out. The final result was it ruined all the mills on Huron River and a good many of them never revived.

Mr. Burketts Mills at Dover Hudson was never started again. Ewarts & Costelle of Dexter had got wealthy in the milling business made one year $75000 and bought the Scio mill & made over the mill at Scio with all first class machinery, and before they gave up they lost everything they had & died poor men. Goodale & Hanley of Delhi had two large mills & were wealthy men. After Mr Goodale died Mrs Goodale had a little grocery to make a living. In fact all the mills on the Huron River were ruined for paying milling purposes. And of course we came in with the rest & gave up the milling business with quite a loss to us all.

About a year before this I had sold out my interest in the lumber business to Byron Whitaker. It looked as if I had retired & could take a rest. Mr C. S. Gregory took possession of Penninsular Mills & wanted me to help him run it, so I concluded to try again. Commenced buying wheat had the mill about full. The water was very low & not able to do much work & the way I could figure the price of wheat & the price of flour I thought it very risky to mill the wheat. We could ship the wheat & sell it at a good

margin. I told Mr Gregory I did not want to run the risk to mill it but if he wanted to I would like to step out. He gave me a bill of clearance from all debts & obligations. He said I will let you know tomorrow. The next day he had made up his mind to mill the wheat & he gave me a clearance paper. So that ended the milling business for me for good.

But as a final result I had a good education in the grain business & made up my mind to go into the grain business. I went to Detroit. At that time Homer Peters was to work with a grain merchant Alexander Lewis on the Board of Trade so I was introduced to Mr. Lewis by Homer & made arrangements to ship my wheat to him. I made a deal with Gregory & Son to furnish me with what money I wanted at 10% interest. I bought one year & made a very good profit but to be safe I always sold every days buying to ---. In that way I knew what I was getting & running no risk.

The next year they wanted Mr. Holmes to be my backer & he said he would be glad to so, but I would not do it. I had always been independent & would not ask anyone to back me. I went to Detroit again & saw Gillett & Hall one of the oldest firms on the Board of Trade in Detroit. They were very nice men in every way. What they told you could be depended upon. I made a bargain with them to buy on commission so much per bushel & I did business with them several years and afterwards bought on my own account & sold to mills in Ann Arbor.

In the old days used to elevate wheat to the bins by horse power. Then built a bridge that was used a good many years. I bought as high as two thousand bu a day. In those days the farmers raised a good deal of wheat & it was all shipped. After the old bridge was worn out had an elevator put in run by electricity. The farmers today do not raise one half the wheat they did thirty or forty years ago. In the old days it used to be wheat & wool but now it is more mixed crops & do not depend on one crop. The farmers are keeping a good many cows & selling their milk & the milk dealer takes the milk & cream to Detroit every day in trucks. It makes quite a change from the old times when they were running the flour mills night & day & wheat was the main crop.

Forgot to state how Mr. Gregory came out in milling his wheat. It was just as I expected – he lost a lot of money & gave up the milling business. That was about the last of the milling in the old mill. Mr. Lucas was the last to try it & he lost & quit & there is nothing left of the old mill but the foundation. All of the old time flour mills on the Huron River are gone. Most of the Huron River power is used now to generate electricity for power & light.

When we first came to Dexter (1850) the Michigan Central had small engines that could haul ten freight cars of ten ton capacity, strap rails & used wood for fuel. The wood was sawed by hand & when they got a horse & tread mill to saw the wood the wood workers were mad enough to kill the horse, for taking their jobs away from them. Was as mad as the Scio men were when Mr. Holmes got his mowing machine & taking away their yearly job of mowing his hay crop with scythes. They said it was taking the bread out of their families mouths. We sold wood from the old farm to the MCR for one dollar a cord. The MCR paid the men to saw it 75¢ a day. A young man about that time worked for Mr. Cadwell for nine dollars per month & when he got $13 it was a big raise. In his later years he owned a good farm. He kept a digging and saved his money.

About two years after we moved to Dexter I was elected as one of the school board. My associates were C S Gregory, H T Henry, Luther Palmer, O C Hoyt. In later years younger men took their place. From first to last I served with a good many different people. My last work on the board was twenty years continuous service. I used to go down to the Normal School at Ypsilanti most every year to hire teachers. We had the name of having a very good school & had it put on the University list so our graduates could enter without examination. I had a good many good friends among the teachers & pupils & enjoyed the work.

When the present school was built in 1887 C S Gregory, B B Williams, & R P Copeland were appointed as a building committee. After the plans were made for the kind of building we

wanted, then we got bids for building it & our best bid was twelve thousand dollars. The man that took the contract let out the job to different parties. One to take down the old school house & do the mason work for the new one, one to furnish the cut stone, one to do the wood work, windows, doors, floors, etc. Gregory & Williams could not leave their work to look after the job very much so they left for me to do. It was the time of year when there was not much grain coming to market & I had my office in John Costelle store & if I was not there when some wheat came, I had Costelle look after it for me & in that way I looked after the school house.

One day Rev Clark asked me what I thought about the red ribbon movement & if we had not better have the Detroit man come to Dexter that was holding meetings in Ann Arbor. He was a reformed toper & was having big crowds at his meetings. We invited him to come to Dexter & in about two or three weeks we had about all the old topers & about one half of the sober folks sign the pledge. Bob Frazer from Ann Arbor was one of our grand workers. It was a wonder to see them go forward & sign the pledge. I remember seeing Thom Felph father & his four sons march up together & sign the pledge.

I did not sign at once. One night an old toper came to me & says to me why dont you sign & I says I dont drink & he says I dont care whether you drink or not we want you to sign & help us poor devils that do drink keep sober. I agreed & signed. I did the best I could to help them for several years. The Red Ribboners did a lot of good in its day & it had its day. At the end there were only about a dozen that attended the meetings. The Red ribboners did not believe in probation [*prohibition*], they were going to dry up the saloon by moral swasien [*persuasion*].

There was a man Wm Van Netta who worked for me on the Wygant farm for three years & never had better help. In harvest time had to have extra help as I cut all the grain by cradle & men to bind it as most of the land had too many stumps & stones to use a reaper. In those days help expected to be furnished with stimulants. So the first we had some but I did not like the results. The next year had the same men & I told them there would be no stimulants instead would have a little lunch between meals & the result was fine. They did better work & had no trouble. After Van Netta left the farm he became a hard drinker & was hard up when the Red Ribbon started. He joined it & stood by it to the end and accumulated a nice property, but in the end died of toper. The woman auxiliary did a good work especially with the young folks. There is a Red Ribbon pledge hanging up in the school house that your mother helped make.

After we had lived in the Village a few years I was elected Pres of the cemetery Association & was Pres a good many years. Mrs Henry Gregory was Sec. until she died. When we took the work the cemetery was in pretty bad condition. Could not expect to be otherwise when they were only getting five dollars for a lot. Gynis Page was Pres & Judge Crane was Sec & Tres. Had just retired from the job. Two of our eldest settlers of the Village. The first thing we did was raise the price of lots to twenty five dollars & to make a small assessment on all lots. That soon gave us money so we could have a man to keep the ground mowed & walls in good shape. We kept making improvements as fast as we had the money to pay for it. Put up a windmill & pumped water from the mill pond & piped it through the grounds so people would get water for their lots. The next had to buy more land as the lots on the old part was sold. There was an old board fence in front on the street. We replaced that with an iron picket fence & good gates & set out shade trees along the street & on the grounds. It took a good many years to make all of these improvements. The last job I did was to buy two acres of land and had to pay one thousand. Then I quit & left one thousand dollars in the treasury. Mr French was Sexton of the cemetery a good many years & was a good & faithful man. Kept everything in fine condition. I gave up the job in 1923.

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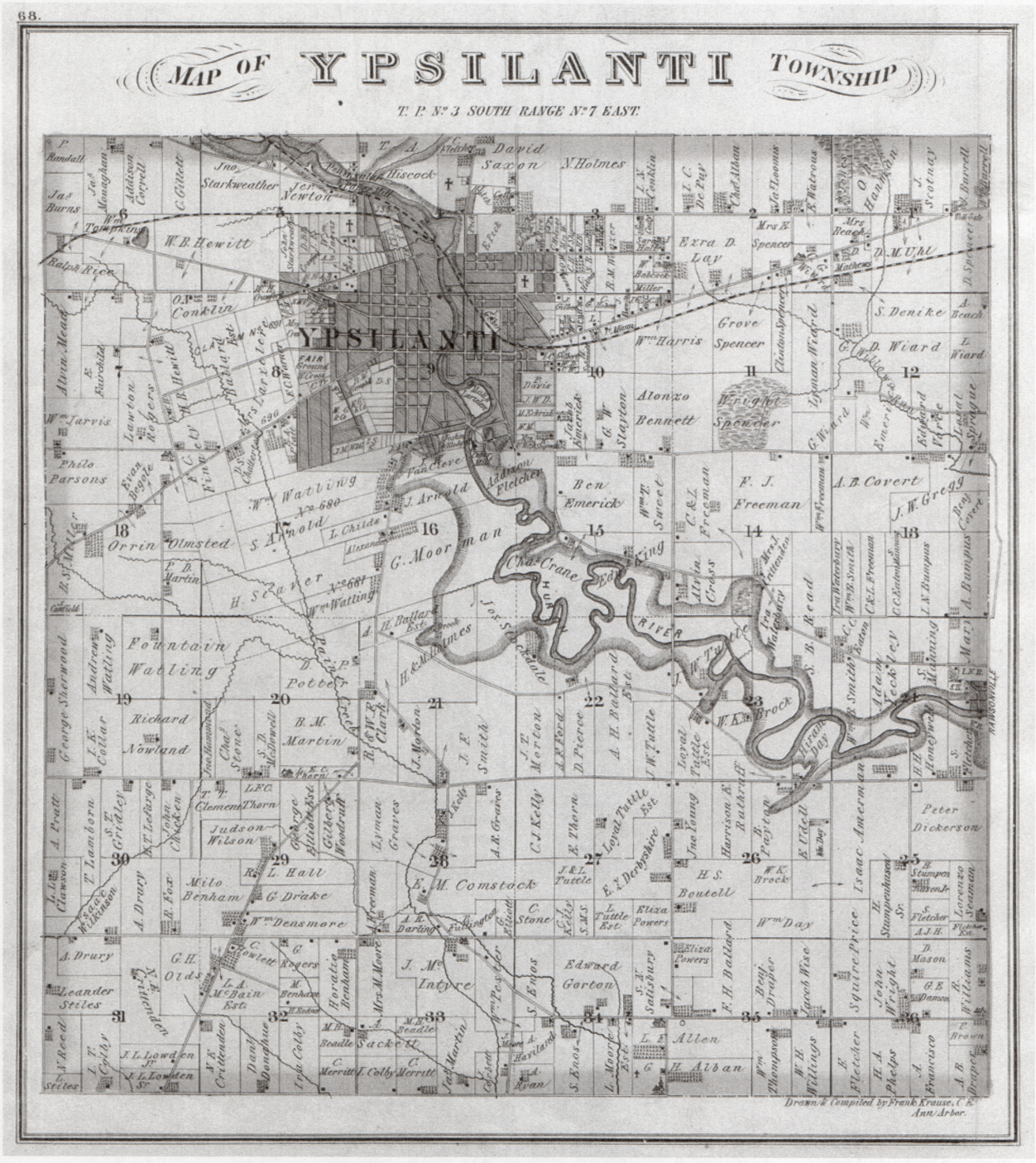

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DEATH OF PROFESSOR B. E. NICHOLS, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, 1889

Prof. B. E. Nichols who died from the effects of injuries received Sept. 26, by being violently thrown to the ground by his horse running away, striking his head against the curbstone fracturing his skull, was born at Oneida Lake, N. Y., in 1826. He had taught in the Ann Arbor high school over 27 years and was professor of bookkeeping and commercial law. Mr. Nichols was a man much respected in the community, a prominent and successful fruit grower and an active member of the pioneer society. He had published several text books which are used in many western schools. Private funeral services were held at the family residence Sunday at 10 a. m., after which public services were held at the Unitarian church, of which he was a prominent member. A large procession, preceded by the board of education, followed the remains to Forest Hill cemetery. Mr. Nichols leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Will Castle, of St. Johns, Mich., and Miss Lillie Nichols, of this city.

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The following is an index of the surnames contained in recent ancestor chart submissions. The number at left is the GSWC membership number followed by member name, ancestor surnames and ancestor locations.

1312 BORNEMEIER, JUDI: Claggett, Crandell, Davis, Dewalt, Dunning, Egbert, Emerick, Fischer, George, Gooding, Gregg, Hess, Kelsey, Klein, Miller, Osterhout, Otto, Pfahler, Rockwell, Rogers, Schleiter, Scott, Simmons, Soper, Sparks, Staudt, Titus, Wagner, Walker, Walz, Wenger, White. CA, CT, GER, IA, MA, MI, NJ, NY, OH, PA.

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1412 NEWMAN, DAWN: Barry, Bassett, Bridges, Bunting, Cackler, Campbell, Carmer, Crews, Ferguson, Ferrand, Fowler, Frazier, Gash, Gorham, Griswold, Hill, King, Light, Lord, Manwaring, Martin, Newman, Perenna, Root, Thompson, Tibbett, Titus, Williams, Wood. AK, FL, IL, IN, KS, MI, MO, OH.

POLL LISTS, BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, 1837

Copied by Nancy H. Krohn

Among the earliest extant poll lists for Washtenaw County are two 1837 lists for Bridgewater Township found in the Washtenaw County (Mich.) records, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan. Michigan achieved statehood on the 26th of January, 1837 and these elections were held later that year. On the 21st and 22nd days of August, representatives to Congress were elected while representatives to the state legislature, state officers and various county officers were elected on the 6th and 7th of November.

For ease of searching, the poll lists for these two elections have been combined and sorted alphabetically by surname. There are 147 names of voters from August and 195 names from November. The original lists were ordinally numbered and names were entered with given name followed by surname. No clerk or poll recorder was named on either list. Spelling remains as found on the original.

Code: Aug.xxx= Poll List 21 & 22 August 1837.ordinal number on original list
Nov.xxx= Poll List 6 and 7 November 1837.ordinal number on original list

AMES, Adams	Aug.010	BODINE, Abram V.	Nov.167
AMKY, Adam	Nov.053	BODINE, John	Aug.067
ANDRUS, Elias	Nov.178	BODINE, John	Nov.166
ARNOLD, Jeremiah, Jr.	Nov.107	BODINE, John, Jr.	Aug.073
AULLS, Joseph	Nov.165	BOWERS, Asahel	Nov.179
AULLS, Wm. H.	Nov.162	BRADLEY, Ransom	Nov.016
AWLS, Joseph	Aug.125	BREWER, James	Aug.050
AWLS, W. H.	Aug.116	BREWER, James	Nov.073
AYRES, Isaac	Aug.049	BRINK, C. W.	Aug.109
AYRES, Isaac	Nov.081	BRINK, Cornelius W.	Nov.121
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BABCOCK, John	Nov.130	BROWN, Geo.	Nov.014
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BIVENS, Moses	Nov.100	BURTLESS, John	Aug.051
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RUTMAN, Wm.	Nov.169
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SCOTT, John	Nov.001
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VANDERWATER, Peter	Nov.035
VANDERWATER, Peter B.	Aug.048
VANGUISEN, John M.	Nov.134
VANGUISON, John M.	Aug.076
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JAMES A. AND MARY JANE LEPSECOMB DIVORCE NOTICE, 1889

James A. Lepsecomb and Mary Jane Lepsecomb are no longer tied by the ties which unite those traveling life's thorny path together. They were divorced Saturday.

Ann Arbor Argus, Mar. 29, 1889. p. 5, col. 2.(Local Breveties)

QUERIES AND REQUESTS

BEAL/S
COFFFE
KURAN KO
PINCKNEY
SMITH

Cynthia Beal/s marr. Samuel Coffey. Early records place Cynthia in Webster Twp, Washt Co., MI, by the mid-1830s. Her fam removed to Livingston Co. and settled in Handy and Marion Twps. Other Coffey names connected to the family: Joseph Pinckney marr. Adaline Coffey, d/o Cynthia & Samuel Coffey; John Smith marr. Cynthia Coffey, d/o Cynthia and Samuel Coffey. Sk more info on these fams.

Geanellen Kuranko, PO Box 260, South Prairie, WA 98385-0260. E-mail: geanellen@comcast.net

HOAGLAND
JOHN
KLOSE
REICHERT

Henry Joseph Klose, Jr (9 Oct 1915-20 Apr 2001 Ann Arbor), son of Henry Joseph Klose, Sr (1880-1960) and Nina Hoagland. Henry Jr marr. in Ann Arbor Margaret E. Reichert, d/o Rudolph E. Reichert (1887 Scio - 1965) and Christine John (1891-). Margaret was b. 1919 and d. in Ann Arbor 18 May 1969. Sk contact with other descendants of Henry and Margaret.

Robert Klose, 100 S. 4th Ave. Apt 306 Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

ARNOLD
GALLAGHER
JEWETT
LANDES
LANDIS
PARSONS
WAKEFIELD

Evaline/Eva Wakefield b. NY ? 1856 d/o Jenette Arnold & Utley Wakefield marr. 1) George H. Jewett according to Chapman, 1881. She is found in 1880 in Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI. She marr. 2) in Battle Creek, MI 13 May 1897 to John Landes, a grocer, baker, and is listed as Mrs. Eva E. Wakefield Jewett widow. They are found in National City, San Diego, CA in 1920. Eva is a patient in Paradise Sanitarium. The obituary of Eva's mother Jenette (Arnold) Wakefield Parsons in Saline, Washt Co., MI, 1897, refers to Eva as Mrs. Eva Landis. Sk marr. rec and divorce rec of Eva and George H. Jewett.

Marjorie Gallagher, 9175 Iron Junction, Iron, MN 55751. E-mail: rcglgr@2z.net

BURKE
ROGAN

Edward Burke b. IRL ca 1832, arr. Washt Co. from PA with ext. family members 1856-58. 1860 Census shows ch: Martin b. 1853 PA, Ann b. 1859 MI, no wife. Edward marr. Mary Rogan b. IRL ca 1837. They res. Northfield Twp, Washt Co. Known ch of Edward & Mary, all b. MI: John b. 1861; Anthony b. 1865; William b. 1868; Edward, Jr. b. 1870; Charles J. b. 1876; James M. b. 1878. Sk marr. and death info for Edward, location of birth info in IRL for Edward and Mary, also info for Edward's pars.

Tom Burke, 6607 Lynx Cove, Littleton, CO 80124. E-mail: tjburke2@comcast.net

CURTIS
McCORMICK
MILLER
PETERSON

Solomon Miller b. poss Seneca Co., NY ca 1803, d. 1869, buried Pray Cem in Superior Twp, Washt Co. Married Phebe Peterson. Ch: Edgar (1830-1850); Arminda b. ca 1835; Margaret b. ca 1842; Curry G. Miller b. ca 1838. Curry marr. Emma McCormick, d/o George W. McCormick. By 1880 Curry & fam mvd to Indianfields Twp, Tuscola Co., MI. Sk info abt Solomon and his fam.

Dave Curtis, 47754 Vistas Circle Dr. South Canton, MI 48188. E-mail: cwgenes17@comcast.net

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IN MEMORIAM

WILBUR R. DeHART

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GSWC Meetings are held at 1:30 pm at the Education Center Auditorium, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Campus, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan, usually the fourth Sunday of the month.

Upcoming Meetings Spring 2012:

22 April 2012: **"Mary Bliss Parsons - Thrice Accused, Thrice Excused: Slander and Witchcraft Trials in 1600"** by Grace Bliss Smith.
Class: **"Tracing Collateral Lines"** by Carolyn Griffin.

20 May 2012: "Immigration and Naturalization: Researching Your Ancestors' Arrival to the United States" by Kathy Petlewski.
Class: **"There Are No Dumb Questions in Genealogy"** by a panel of GSWC members- Bring your questions!

Reports on Winter Meetings:

January 22, 2012: "Researching your Civil War Ancestor" by Derek Davey.

Derek used the case history of William Wallace Brown to show how to use available resources. Check with family members to see what documents have survived. Check the 1850 and 1860 census, plus the 1890 Veteran's census (one of the few parts that have survived from that decade.) County histories often describe individual regiments; there are also regimental histories, Grand Army of the Republic records, and tombstone clues. The Soldiers and Sailors archives at www.itd.nps.gov/cwss may provide information on your soldier. The National Archives has forms to use to request information. Different units may have their own websites.

Class: "Tracing the Descendants of Jacob Weber" by Barbara Giezentaner. Barbara was given a German document by a friend, and asked to find a descendant. The document was discovered in a book purchased about 10 years ago from an auction in Saline. It turned out to be a passport for Jacob Weber. Plat maps, census, familysearch.org, findagrave and Ancestry all were used to locate information on the family. In the audience were two descendants, second cousins to each other, and after the talk, two other members of the society came up, one related to the Webers, and one whose family had lived alongside the Webers in Saline. See Barbara's upcoming story in *Family History Capers* for further details! Thank you, Barbara, for a job well done!

February 26, 2012: "Bring 'Em Back to Life: Developing an Ancestor Profile" by Drew Smith.

Both of February's sessions were virtual presentations. We used "gotomeeting" (trademark), and Drew had video cam contact with us, so we could ask questions. We could see him and his presentation at the same time.

He started by comparing the process to a documentary film cut into pieces, and he showed us how to focus on the important items.

The types of information he suggested using were: people (talking to relatives, sharing of memories), courthouses and libraries, letters, journals and diaries, books and magazines, census, and religious institutions. He created a profile to identify the information acquired, the quality of sources, the gaps both geographic and chronological, then suggested creating theories as to thoughts and motivators- WHY would the events happen as they did, what is the social context? He mentioned several times the importance of citing your sources.

Adding the historical and social events occurring around your ancestors make their life all the more understandable. Besides the political and economic items, there will be personal events to consider.

At the end, you should have a detailed research outline. It allows you to evaluate and weigh the evidence, and gives you an understanding of your ancestor's circumstance.

Class: "Researching the Miltons, a CSI Story" by Drew Smith. The process began with a request from Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak asking for assistance with a video presentation on researching. They were able to use obituaries, newspaper accounts, and census to flesh out the story of a mother and daughter who died on the same day. They even found a living relative who remembered the accident that caused their death.

25 March 2012: "Irish Oral Tradition; Seeking, Analyzing, Proving" by Richard M. Doherty.

Dick began by contrasting oral traditions versus oral history. Traditions are opinions and doctrines handed

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down verbally. Oral history is a statement of the first hand experience of the interviewee.

Early Celtic Sources included Bairds, and Seanchaidh. Usually there is a kernel of truth in oral traditions, which needs to be validated.

Some of the sources he recommended are: Griffith's Valuations, parish registers, vital records, census, national school records, Rent Books (Estate Books) and the website: www.askaboutireland.ie

Class:**"Using Familysearch.Org"** by Bobbie Snow.

Bobbie will be teaching an advanced Genealogy class through Washtenaw Community College on Wednesdays, beginning on April 11.

To order microfilms, and get full use of the site, always sign in by clicking the "Sign In" in the upper right corner. You will have to create a user name and password, if you don't have one.

You can always click on the Family Search tree to go back to the home page.

When you search by a name, you can either enter items to limit the search, or filter the results once you have a list.

Look under the "Learn" button to find the research wiki, videos and courses.

To go back to the old family search click on the box "Go to previous site". See www.barbsnow.net/LDS.htm for more information on using all of familysearch.org.

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The **1940 census** will be released online on April 2, 2012. See the unindexed images at http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/ on that date. Interested in helping index the 1940 Census? Try the Family Search site http://the1940census.com/ for a place to volunteer. (Note: Derek Davey, our January speaker is the Michigan Coordinator.) One more late breaking note: we've just added a link to a chart on the home page showing you how to determine the Enumeration District of people you'd like to find in this census. This might help until the indexing is done!

An upcoming **Indiana Genealogical Society Conference** will begin on April 28 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Sessions will cover general genealogy methodology, writing a family history, and using online databases.
The day before the conference a seminar will focus on projects and social media for genealogy societies. Registration is $30 for IGS members, $40 for nonmembers and $45 at the door. Registration forms and online registration are available at http://www.indgensoc.org/conference.php .

From the MGC: Sue Donovan, of the Genealogical Society of Monroe County, has been working on **legislation** to permit continued access to cemeteries, even as the land surrounding them is sold or the usage changed. The House Committee report on this legislation is at http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/billanalysis/House/pdf/2011-HLA-5404-3.pdf.
Please urge your representative to support this important piece of legislation. You may continue to track this bill at http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2012-HB-5404

The web committee has just added a **Members Surname** button to the left side menu. You can add your surnames by signing in, and going to your Profile, a submenu item under Members. Click "Add Surname". Anyone visiting the Members Surnames will be able to email the person who has added the name. Neither the submitter's name, nor email will show, and you have the choice of answering or not.

We are also in the process of adding **PayPal** to our site for Sales and Membership. Stay tuned for details!

Watch for **Membership renewal** email or mail this month. We are so pleased to have 17 new members who have joined us since December 31!

See the **Calendar** on our website (www.washtenawgenealogy.org) for other upcoming events.

The GSWC will be posting information to our new **Facebook** page. Click the icon on our home page, "like us", write a comment, get a discussion going!
We also are uploading postcards of the area.

Volunteer to help with the newspages – write up a speech or class!

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